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1. REFTEL A B AND C OUTLINED TERMS OF REQUEST TO BE
PRESENTED BY EMBASSY TO GOB, SEEKING AUTHORIZATION FOR
VISIT TO BRAZIL BY US CUSTOMS SERVICE INVESTIGATOR AND
ASSISTANT US ATTORNEY. PURPOSE OF VISIT WOULD BE TO
INVESTIGATE AND PREPARE CASE AGAINST SMUGGLING OPERATION
INVOLVING VARIG AIRLINES EMPLOYEE, AMONG OTHERS. REFTELS
D THROUGH H TRACED EMBASSY EFFORTS IN THIS REGARD AND PRE-
LIMINARY GOB REACTIONS (AT FIRST NEGATIVE, LATERMORE POSITIVE).

2. GOB HAS FINALLY PROVIDED OFFICIAL RESPONSE TO OUR REPRE-
SENTATIONS, BY FOREIGNMINISTRY NOTE DATED AUGUST 16, 1977,
RECEIVED AUGUST 22. NOTE SPECIFIES THAT GOB HAS NO OBJECTION
TO THE VISIT OF THE USG OFFICIALS, "ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT
THEIR ACTIVITIES IN BRAZIL WILL BE LIMITED TO FOLLOWING
THE INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED BY THE BRAZILIAN POLICE,
ONLY AS OBERVERS, NOT PERFORMING INVESTIGATIVE ACTS,
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WHICH ARE WITHIN THE EXCLUSIVE COMPETENCE OF NATIONAL
AUTHORITIES."

3. LATTER PROVISIO IS A STANDARD CAVEAT EMPLOYED BY GOB
IN GRANTING APPROVAL FOR SUCH VISITS, AND REFLECTS LONG-
STANDING SENSITIVITY TO INDEPENDENT THEIRD-COUNTRY INQUIRIES
WITHIN BRAZIL.

4. REQUEST DEPARTMENT ADVISE EMBASSY WHETHER CUSTOMS SERVICE AND ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE REMAIN INTERESTED IN CONDUCTING VISIT CITED REFTEL A, AND--IF SO--WHAT GENERAL TIME FRAME THEY HAVE IN MIND. IN EVENT OF AFFIRMATIVE RESPONSE, EMBASSY WILL CONTACT FEDERAL POLICE TO LAY GROUND WORK FOR VISIT, WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE UNDER FEDERAL POLICE AUSPICES AND DIRECTION.
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